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113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. _____

Commemorating the 46th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 46th anniversary of the reunification
of Jerusalem.

Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been the focal point
of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Je-
rusalem for three millennia and a Jewish majority in the
city since the 1840s;

Whereas the once thriving Jewish majority of the historic Old
City of Jerusalem was driven out by force during the
1948 Arab-Israeli War;

Whereas from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city,
and Israeli citizens of all faiths, as well as Jewish citizens

of all states, were denied access to holy sites in the area controlled by Jordan;

Whereas in 1967, Jerusalem was reunited by Israel during the conflict known as the Six Day War;

Whereas since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united city, and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city;

Whereas this year marks the 46th year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city, in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas each sovereign country, under international law and custom, has the right to designate its own capital;

Whereas this year marks the 65th anniversary of Israel's independence;

Whereas Jerusalem is the seat of the Government of Israel, including the President, Parliament, and the Supreme Court;

Whereas the United States maintains its embassy in the functioning capital of every country except in the case of Israel, a friend and strategic ally of the United States;

Whereas the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), which became law on November 8, 1995, states as a matter of United States policy that Jerusalem should remain the undivided capital of Israel; and

Whereas the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228) directs that the Secretary of State shall, upon the request of a citizen or a citizen's legal guardian, record the place of birth of a United States citizen born in the city of Jerusalem as Israel: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem
4 and the people of Israel on the 46th anniversary of
5 the reunification of that historic city;

6 (2) congratulates the people of Israel on the
7 65th anniversary of their independence;

8 (3) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-
9 main an undivided city in which the rights of every
10 ethnic and religious group are protected as they
11 have been by Israel during the past 46 years;

12 (4) calls upon the President and the Secretary
13 of State to repeatedly affirm publicly, as a matter of
14 United States policy, that Jerusalem must remain
15 the undivided capital of the State of Israel;

16 (5) strongly urges the President to discontinue
17 the waiver contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act
18 of 1995 (Public Law 104-45), immediately imple-
19 ment the provisions of that Act, and begin the proc-
20 ess of relocating the United States Embassy in
21 Israel to Jerusalem;

22 (6) further urges United States officials to re-
23 frain from any actions that contradict United States
24 law on this subject; and

- 1 (7) reaffirms Israel's right to take necessary
- 2 steps to prevent any future division of Jerusalem.